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Stan Lee
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"...CONTAINS ONLY MY BODY..."

"...WHILE MY MIND FLOATS IN THE BLUE DARKNESS OF OTHERWISE, FREE, CALM, IN A SILENCE UNBROKEN BY..."



"BLACK JACK TARR?"



"RESTON..?"

"OR, PERHAPS, NAYLAND SMITH HIMSELF..?"



"NO, NONE OF THEM. I'M DANIEL RAND, SHANG CHI. SORRY FOR THE INTRUSION, BUT..."



"WELL, COULD I COME IN?"

"YES."

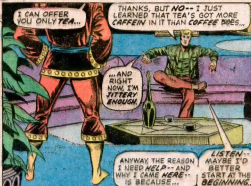
"NICE PLACE YOU'VE GOT HERE-- HONEY, ME, I'M A STRANGER HERE IN LONDON..."



"...WHICH IS PART OF THE REASON WHY I NEED HELP."

"YOU MAY SIT WHILE YOU EXPLAIN, DANIEL RAND..."

"I CAN OFFER YOU ONLY TEA..."



"THANKS, BUT NO-- I JUST LEARNED THAT TEA'S GOT MORE CAFFEIN IN IT THAN COFFEE DOES..."

"...AND RIGHT NOW, I'M JITTERY ENOUGH."

"ANYWAY, THE REASON I NEED HELP-- AND WHY I CAME HERE-- IS BECAUSE..."

"LISTEN-- MAYBE I'D BETTER START AT THE BEGINNING..."

"I WENT TO SCOTLAND YARD FIRST..."



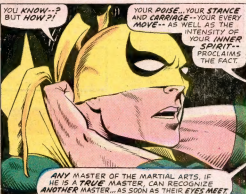
"...AND MANAGED TO SEE A THIRD-GRADE JUNIOR OFFICIAL WHO WAS GREAT AT PASSING THE BUCK..."



"HE SENT ME TO WHITECHAPEL HEADQUARTERS OF THE BRITISH SECRET SERVICE..."



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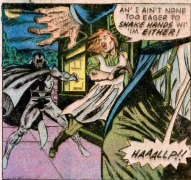
...AN' SOMETHIN'S STEPPIN' RIGHT OUT OF IT...



THOUGH WHAT KIND O' SUPER-NATURAL BLOKE HE COULD BE...



...I AIN'T WILLIN' T' GUESS...!



AN' I AIN'T NONE TOO EAGER TO SNAKE HANDS WI' 'IM EITHER!

HAAALLP!!



HERE, NOW!

WHERE IN BLOOMIN' HADES ARE YOU TWO RUSHIN' OFF--



OH, SO IT'S A TROUBLE-MAKER, IS IT?

YOU CAN STOP RIGHT THERE, MATE--



--BECAUSE WE'RE NOT HAVIN' ANY OF YOUR KIND CHASIN' AFTER GOOD PEOPLE'S MONEY.

YOU'RE COMIN' WI' ME DOWN TO THE--



SILENCE.



YEEEEARRHHH!!



"THE FOG IS THICK TONIGHT, A GARMENT CLOAKING THE BREEZE..."

"...BUT THE MAIN REASON I WENT TO SCOTLAND YARD IS BECAUSE I SIMPLY DON'T KNOW WHERE TO LOOK. LONDON'S A COMPLETE MAZE TO ME."



IN FACT, HAVING SPENT TEN OF MY NINETEEN YEARS SECLUDED IN K'UN-LUN, ALMOST ALL EARTH CITIES ARE UNFAMILIAR TO ME.

THEN PERHAPS YOU SOUGHT ME IN VAIN... FOR, HAVING SPENT SEVENTEEN OF MY NINETEEN YEARS SEQUESTERED IN MY FATHER'S HONAN FORTRESS--

--I KNOW THIS CITY LITTLE BETTER THAN YOU.

YEAH, I NEVER REALLY THOUGHT OF THAT...



GUESS I SHOULDN'T HAVE EVEN BOTHERED YOU.

...UNLESS YOU REQUIRE MY ASSISTANCE IN OTHER RESPECTS.

WELL, I MAY BE COCKY, BUT I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF--AGAINST ALMOST ANYTHING.



STILL, I SUPPOSE ANOTHER PAIR OF FISTS WON'T HURT...

SAY, YOU MENTIONED YOUR FATHER, SHANG-CHI--FU MANCHU, RIGHT? ISN'T HE SUPPOSED TO BE IMMORTAL, TOO--LIKE THE INHABITANTS OF K'UN-LUN...?



YES... MY FATHER HAS LIVED BEYOND HIS LIFETIME.

HMMMM...

WELL, SINCE NEITHER ONE OF US HAS A CLUE AS TO WHERE WE SHOULD LOOK, I GUESS OUR FIRST STOP SHOULD BE SCOTLAND YARD AGAIN...

...TO SEE IF THEY'VE PICKED UP ANY LEADS.



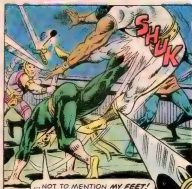
BY THE WAY, I'VE HEARD THAT FU MANCHU SUSTAINS HIS IMMORTALITY BY USING SOME SORT OF SERUM OR ELIXIR...

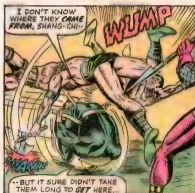
...AND I KNOW THAT THE INHABITANTS OF K'UN-LUN SUSTAIN THEIR IMMORTALITY BY AGING ONLY ONE DAY OUT OF EVERY TEN YEARS...

...THE ONE DAY K'UN-LUN APPEARS ON EARTH.

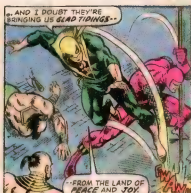


BUT DO YOU SUPPOSE FU MANCHU COULD'VE GOTTEN THE IDEA FOR HIS SERUM FROM--





--BUT IT SURE DIDN'T TAKE THEM LONG TO GET HERE...



--FROM THE LAND OF PEACE AND JOY.



"WORDS IN COMBAT ARE AS UNNECESSARY AS THE WARMTH OF CLOTHING IN HOT SUMMER. BUT IN THIS INSTANCE, A DETERMINATION OF THEIR IDENTITIES COULD PERHAPS SPEED THEIR DEFEAT..."

I CANNOT BE CERTAIN, IRON FIST-- BUT I DO NOT RECOGNIZE ANY OF THEM AS MEMBERS OF MY FATHER'S SI-FAN...

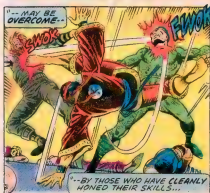


AND THEY'RE NOT FROM K'UN-LUN-- TOO NASTY AND DIRTY-LOOKING...



THEIR APPEARANCE IS MATCHED BY THEIR METHODS OF COMBAT...

BUT SOMETHING BEYOND THEIR LOOKS, IRON FIST, TELLS YOU THEY CANNOT ORIGINATE FROM THE GOLDEN CITY OF YOUR YOUTH...



A PULSE-POUNDING PALIMPSEST OF PAJANDRUMS PURE, PALAVER PARADISIC, AND PAENS PANDEMIC!

STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

How Boy! This'll be the shortest Soapbox on record! Yours truly just caught the fluff 'n' between sneezes and fever chills, there's just time to finally tell you the name of the third ORIGINS book coming your way this Fall. First there was ORIGINS OF MARVEL COMICS, then SON OF ORIGINS (both still on sale, of course, and doing better than ever), and now—the big news. No, it won't be called MOTHER-IN-LAW OF ORIGINS as so many of you predicted—though that might have been a zingy name, too—but, since I'll deal with the origins of the Marvel villains, we decided to title it—**are you ready for this?—BRING ON THE BAD GUYS!** I'll give you the line-up in an issue or two, soonSM as I stop sneezing. Oh, and thanks to Jeany Johnny Conlin for arranging those two great lectures for me at Philadelphia Community College and Burlington County College. Two in one day was really a kick, John Boy. Finally, don't miss the big news next ish about Garry Conway and Mary Wolfman! No, they didn't defect to the CIA! That's it, gang. And remember—let's be good to each other—we may not be much, but we're the only human race we've got! Now open the aspirin bottle and warm up the tea, Jeezle—I'm headin' for home in high gear!

Stan Lee

ITEM! This seems to be the month for Mighty Marvel Milestones. True Believer! Not only do the old X-Men do battle with the new X-Men in the panoramic panels of X-MEN #100—not only does the long-remembered Wonder Man return to the palpitating pages of AVENGERS #150—but, the fate of the whole blamed nation depends on everyone's favorite red, white, and blue Avenger, Captain America—and his high-flying action partner, the Falcon—stopping the dreaded Madbomb from blowing everyone's mind to Kingdom Come and back, in the pages of Marvel's Bicentennial treat to you: CAPTAIN AMERICA #200. If you miss this (triumphate of fillicious tales, you'll only have yourself to blame, and we don't wanna give you a guilt complex!

ITEM! Speaking of milestones, this month also sees the second sensational set of MARVEL CLASSICS on your newsstand shelves. The literary gleas

of yore, and the artistic masters of Marvel, combine to bring you such all-time favorites as GULLIVER'S TRAVELS, BLACK BEAUTY, MOBY DICK, and the ever-popular TOM SAWYER. No, don't thank us. You know how embarrassed we get.

ITEM! And that's not all, Wild One! This month we also present the latest and greatest MARVEL TREASURY EDITION, featuring the God of Thunder himself. Yeah, that's right. Goldlocks and his Asgardian buddies battle the Mighty Mangog in a full-length blast from the past! And, if you want to see what maniacal Mangog's doing these days, pick up the current issues of the regular, all-new THOR! Both are treats to titillate the taste buds of all True Believers. Thou shalt not miss this one!

ITEM! You've been asking for it! And never let it be said that we heed not thy requests! So, from now on, whenever you send for a subscription to any Mighty Marvel mag, your copies will be mailed to you flat—UNFOLDED! You'll find all the details in the subscription ad elsewhere in this issue. With this newest treat, there isn't a single reason not to get your Marvels by mail. Try it, and you'll be glad you did. Of course, your mailman might not be thrilled carrying about those thousands of extra subscription copies, but when he finds out they're Marvel mags, he'll be glad to do his bit to further the cultural revolution!

ITEM! With all the other specials winging your way this month, we don't want the following twin titles to be lost in the shuffle. This is the month we bring back an old friend, and try out a nutty new concept we think you'll really dig. So welcome back KULL THE DESTROYER, and say hello to THE MAN-BEAST CALLED...WOODGOD! Kull comes smashing your way from the combined talents of Rascally ROY THOMAS, Devil-May-Care DOUG MOENCH, Edwardian ED HANNIGAN and Smashin' STEVE GAN! And it features the wildest, weirdest sword-and-sictery sensation this side of Cimmeria. WOODGOD, by Boisterous BILL MANTLO, KEITH GIFFIN and KLAUS JANSON, makes its appearance in MARVEL PREMIERE #31. He's a superhero, and not your garden-variety type, either. So take a peek at what may be the craziest character to come your way since that fateful day the gamma-irradiated Bruce Banner had his first transformation. While we're at it, let's give another plug to an upcoming mind-boggler from Marvel, namely the oft-mentioned new masterpiece: The Man Called NOVA! It'll be hitting your newsstand this June, and we'll tell ya that everyone in the whole blasted

Bulpen is just wild over this brand-new superhero. Fact is, friends, we haven't seen so much excitement around here in years, as the gang wonders exactly when Marvellous MARY WOLFGOD, Big JOHN BUSGEMA, and Joltin' JOE SINNOTT will actually finish the balmy book! Even STAN the Man has caught the NOVA fever, by making this a monthly title even before the first issue comes out! That's how sure he is, and that's how sure we all are that you'll really dig this newcomer. So, join Richard Rider and company, for a trek into superhero action like you've never seen before!

ITEM! Lastly we've been deluged with No Prize requests for everything from finding a spelling error that one of our infamous armadillos may have somehow let slip by, to discovering a fingernail missing on a character's hand. So, we thought we'd like to restate the philosophy behind the No Prize, here and now, where every Marvelite will be sure to read it! Nearly nobody likes to be a loser, and everyone likes to be a winner, so, if we give an actual prize for spotting some major mistake, there will be some losers who won't be getting anything. Therefore, we created, long before the dawn of man, or maybe a week or two after, the No Prize! Awarded for the discovery of some error of major proportions that cannot be explained by a Bulpenner, or for some meritorious feat of research, or for any act of Marveldom heroism, above and beyond the call of sanity! The No Prize eliminates losers, cause—how can there be a loser for a No Prize? And, for those of you who have never been no-prized, the incredible impact of the awesome honor. If and when you get it, will be one of the greatest events of your life—exceeded only by that fateful day when you learn about sugarless bubble gum—or that girls are different from boys!

ITEM! Hey! We're running out of room, so we've got just one rhapsodic request. Yeah, we're trying to work up a list of all the college comic book courses that are being taught across the country, for sinister reasons known only to the high Armadillo. So, if ya know of one, attend one, or teach such a course, drop us a card, eh? Until next month, don't live in gloom—back FOO!

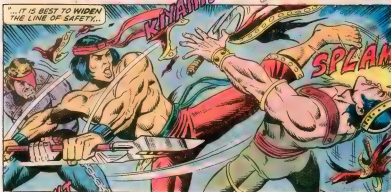
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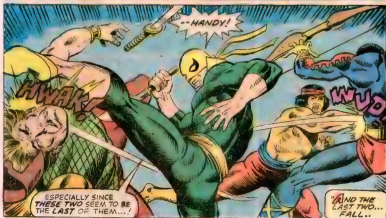
CAPTAIN AMERICA and THE RED SKULL™

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"BUT ARE THEY THE LAST...OR WILL MORE OF THEM
APPEAR, AS ABRUPTLY AS THE FIRST GROUP--?"

YOU STAND TENSELY,
HALF-EXPECTING A SECOND
HORDE TO MATERIALIZE
FROM THE SAME
SHADOWS OF
NOWHERE...
BUT IT DOES NOT
HAPPEN, TO YOUR
RELIEF.

GUESS IT'S
OVER,
SHANG-CHI...

MAYBE THEY'RE CONNECTED
WITH WHOEVER KIDNAPPED
COLLEEN. AT LEAST WE'LL
HAVE SOMEONE TO QUESTION,
AS SOON AS ONE OF THEM
WAKES--



HUH--?"

THEY...
THEY'RE
FADING
AWAY--!

"BUT...
HOW...
COULD
THEY..."

GONE-- I DON'T BELIEVE
IT, SHANG-CHI! IT'S NOT
POSSIBLE, UNLESS...

NO--THEY COULDN'T
HAVE BEEN FROM K'UN-
LUN-- I'M SURE IT...

BUT THEN... WHO
WERE THEY THAT
THEY COULD JUST--

THEY WERE ASSASSINS
FROM SHHRA-SHARN,
SENT TO SLAY YOU,
IRON FIST...

WHAT THE--?"

...AND THEREBY PREVENT YOU
FROM JOINING ME IN A
COMMON
STRUGGLE.

YEAH?
AND JUST
WHO ARE
YOU?

I AM GUAN-
ST'AR... A
FELLOW
CITIZEN OF
K'UN-LUN...

...AND I HAVE COME TO
ENLIST YOUR AID IN PRE-
VENTING THE COMPLETE
DESTRUCTION OF
K'UN-LUN.

DESTRUCTION--?!
NOW, WAIT JUST A
MINUTE HERE...

HOW DO I KNOW YOU'RE FROM K'UN-
LUN? HOW DO I KNOW
YOU'RE NOT THE LEADER
OF THE THUGS WHO JUST
TRIED TO
KILL US?

I ASSURE YOU,
IRON FIST--

MY INTENTIONS ARE
ENTIRELY NOBLE...

A POLICEMAN-- DEAD!



...AND I WOULD NEVER TRY TO KILL ANYONE.

AND WE'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT-- IS THAT THE STORY...?

WELL, EXPLAIN **THIS**: IF YOU'RE FROM K'UN-LUN, HOW DID YOU GET **HERE**? THE CITY WON'T APPEAR IN **THIS** DIMENSION FOR ANOTHER **NINE YEARS**...

THERE ARE A **SELECT FEW** IRON FIST, WHO ARE ABLE TO BRIDGE THE GAP FROM K'UN-LUN TO EARTH **BETWEEN** THE COINCIDENCE OF THE TWO DIMENSIONS... AND BECAUSE OF THIS ABILITY, THEY'RE CONSIDERED **MAGICIANS**. I AM ONE SUCH MAGICIAN, AND THUS I HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO **ENLIST YOUR AID**.

KNOW THAT K'UN-LUN IS NOT THE **ONLY** CITY TO INHABIT ITS DIMENSION-- THERE IS ALSO **S'AHRA-SHARN**... **TWIN** TO K'UN LUN...



...AND YET THE **OPPOSITE** OF K'UN-LUN IN EVERY **RESPECT**. WHERE K'UN-LUN IS A CITY OF **HARMONY** AND **LIGHT**, S'AHRA-SHARN IS A PLACE OF **DARKNESS** AND **VILE EVIL**. AND EVEN **NOW**, S'AHRA-SHARN GATHERS AN ARMY TO **INVADE** K'UN-LUN--AND TO **DESTROY** IT.



THIS ARMY WILL **SUCCEED**-- UNLESS YOU JOIN IN **STOPPING** IT. WILL YOU **DO** SO...?

I'VE HEARD **LEGENDS** ABOUT AN **EVIL MIRROR-CITY** OF K'UN-LUN-- **LEI KUNG** SPOKE OF IT **OFTEN**, CALLING IT A **LIVING HELL**...

SO PERHAPS YOU'RE TELLING THE **TRUTH**...



THEN YOU WILL COME WITH ME?

IF I **REFUSE**, AND YOU ARE TELLING THE **TRUTH**, THEN I'D BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE **FALL** OF K'UN-LUN. I DON'T SEE HOW I'VE GOT ANY **CHOICE**.

SHANG-CHI, THANKS FOR YOUR **HELP**...

...BUT THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO GET INVOLVED IN **THIS** MATTER.



YOU HAVE REQUESTED MY AID IN SAVING A **SINGLE PERSON**, IRON FIST.

NOW YOU ARE FACED WITH THE TASK OF SAVING AN **ENTIRE CITY**. IT WOULD SEEM YOU WILL NEED ASSISTANCE MORE THAN **EVER**.



ALL RIGHT-- IT'S YOUR **DECISION**--

I GUESS WE'RE **READY**, GUAN-STAR...

...ALTHOUGH WHAT IT IS WE'RE READY FOR, I DON'T--



GOOD LORD...!

VERY WELL. YOU SHALL BOTH ACCOMPANY ME--

--ON THE JOURNEY TO **S'AHRA-SHARN**.



"WE...VANISH?"

CHAPTER II: *THE EVIL WHICH IS S'AHRA-SHARN*

IS... IS THIS...
MADNESS...?

IF IT IS
MADNESS,
SHANG-CHI,
THEN IT'S
CONTAGIOUS...

... BECAUSE IT
LOOKS EXACTLY
THE SAME FROM
WHERE I'M
SITTING.

MORE ACCUSTOMED TO
THE REALMS BEYOND
REALITY, YOU ARE ABLE TO
ACCEPT THE BIZARRE
JOURNEY BETWEEN
DIMENSIONS... AND TO
REPLY TO SHANG-CHI'S
GENUINELY AWED QUESTION
WITH A TRACE OF SARCASM...

BUT EVEN SO, YOU REALIZE THAT
SARCASM IS MERELY ANOTHER
FORM OF ... BRAVADO.



BUT... HOW CAN YOU
SIMPLY--

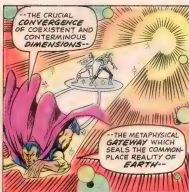
I CAN'T.

I'M JUST PRETENDING,
SHANG-CHI--



SILENCE,
NOW...

WE APPROACH
THE PORTAL--



--THE CRUCIAL
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SWIMMING ON
THE BREEZE.



THIS ISN'T
K'UN-LUN--!

OF COURSE NOT, IRON FIST.
THIS IS SAHRA-SHARN. WE
MUST INFILTRATE THE ENEMY HERE--
AND STOP THE INVASION BEFORE IT BEGINS.

YOUR
EXPECTATIONS
ARE HARSHLY
SHATTERED.



FOLLOW THIS
ALLEY TO ITS
END, WHERE
YOU SHALL
FIND A
TAVERN.



WAIT IN THAT TAVERN FOR A
MAN WHO WILL IDENTIFY HIM-
SELF AS SHAN-TANN.

HE WILL GIVE
FURTHER
INSTRUCTIONS--
AND TELL YOU
WHERE I MAY
BE LOCATED IN
THE FUTURE.

YEAH? AND WHERE
ARE YOU GOING?



TO MEET WITH OUR
FELLOW INFILTRATORS.
SURELY YOU REALIZE
THERE ARE MANY
PLANS TO CONCEIVE...

I'LL JUST BET.
ALL RIGHT, QUAN-
ST'AR, WE'LL GO TO
YOUR TAVERN.



BUT IF
YOU TRY
PULLING
ANY
TRICKS--



--YOU'LL
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ONCE.

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...AND **ONCE** WILL BE
MORE THAN ENOUGH.



I DON'T
LIKE IT,
QUAN-STAR.
IRON FIST
ALONE IS
BAD ENOUGH...

...BUT **TOGETHER**, THOSE
TWO MAY BE **UNSTOPPABLE**.



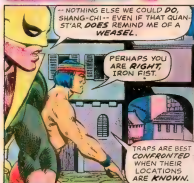
MORE THAN A
FEW OF US
WERE SEVERELY
INJURED IN
THAT FIGHT...

YOUR INJURIES DO
NOT CONCERN ME.



WHATEVER
THE COST, IT WAS
WORTH IT TO
BRING IRON
FIST HERE...

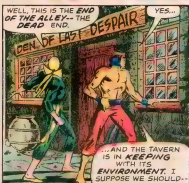
...HERE, TO
HIS DOOM.



-- NOTHING ELSE WE COULD DO,
SHANG-CHI-- EVEN IF THAT QUAN-
STAR DOES REMIND ME OF A
WEASEL.

PERHAPS YOU
ARE RIGHT,
IRON FIST.

TRAPS ARE BEST
CONFRONTED
WHEN THEIR
LOCATIONS
ARE KNOWN.



WELL, THIS IS THE END
OF THE ALLEY-- THE
DEAD END.

YES...

...AND THE TAVERN
IS IN KEEPING
WITH ITS
ENVIRONMENT. I
SUPPOSE WE SHOULD...



-- ENTER.

-- RAN HIM THROUGH
WITH A SINGLE THRUST.

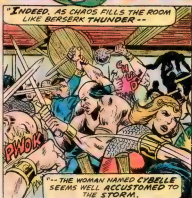
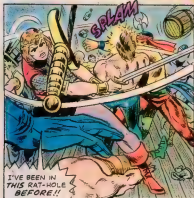
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HEARD HIM
SQUEAL.

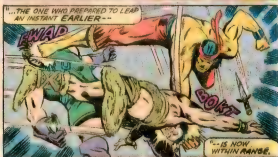
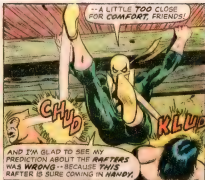
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BAPHOS
I HAD...

...INSTEAD OF
DALLYING
WITH THAT
CHEAP TART
IN CRIMSON
ALLEY.









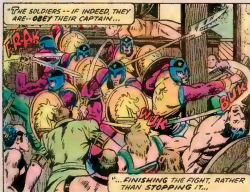
"PERHAPS NOT, BUT
THE FIGHT NEVERTHE-
LESS ENDS ABRUPTLY..."

SKRASH

**STOP THE
DISTURBANCE--
AND KILL
THOSE WHO
RESIST!!**

YOU FREEZE AS A SQUAD OF UNIFORMED--BUT STILL
EVIL-LOOKING--MEN RUSHES INTO THE TAVERN. THEIR
LEADER SEEMS PARTICULARLY RUTHLESS, AND EVEN HIS
STEED'S HORN SEEMS TWISTED AND CORRUPT...

"THE SOLDIERS -- IF INDEED, THEY
ARE-- OBEY THEIR CAPTAIN..."



"...FINISHING THE FIGHT, RATHER
THAN STOPPING IT..."

"...UNTIL THERE ARE BUT THE
TWO OF US LEFT TO FACE THEM..."

ARREST THOSE TWO!



THEY'RE PROBABLY
THE ONES WHO **STARTED**
THIS BRAWL !!

WE DID **NOT**
START
THIS FIGHT.

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ONLY TO MEET A
MAN NAMED
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usually judge a guy by the
size of his chest. Why?T
Look around. Do guys
parade about open in swim
suits? Not! Everybody
wears clothes. Hence your
other muscles can be hid-
den under clothing. A big
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I'M SHAI-TAHN.



"...??"

WHAT THE--?



SOMETHING'S WRONG HERE, SHANG-CHI...

IN FACT, THIS SMELLS SUSPICIOUSLY LIKE A TRAP

YES, IRON FIST...

...AND IT IS TIME TO CONFRONT THE TRAP



FOOLS! I FULLY EXPECTED YOU TO RESIST ARREST!

AND THAT IS-- PRECISELY WHY--



-- WE HAVE ARRANGED SOME SUBTLE PERSUASION.

HEH HEH HEH.

PLEASE...

I...



SHE WILL DIE, YOU KNOW-- UNLESS YOU SURRENDER.

YOU DESPISE THE SMIRKING, GAUNT-FACED MAN.

"THERE IS NO CHOICE.

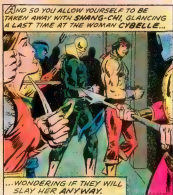


"WE SURRENDER," A WISE CHOICE, MY PRISONERS...

TAKE THEM AWAY!

YOU HAVE ALREADY TESTED THE CHAINS.

THEY WILL NOT BREAK.



AND SO YOU ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE TAKEN AWAY WITH SHANG-CHI, GLANCING A LAST TIME AT THE WOMAN CYBELLE...

...WONDERING IF THEY WILL SLAY HER ANYWAY.



RELEASE
HER,
SOLDIER.



YES,
CYBELLE...



...YOU HAVE **EARNED**
YOUR RELEASE. YOU DID
WELL, MY DEAR. **INDEED**,
BOTH YOU AND SHAI-TAHN
DELIVERED AN **EXTREMELY**
CONVINCING PERFORMANCE.
ALL OF S'AHRA-SHARN
WILL **THANK**
YOU FOR IT.



YES, QUAN-S'AR.
WE DID...

...WELL...

"FIVE DAYS HAVE PASSED--
FIVE DAYS OF STONE WALLS
AND NOTHING ELSE.



YOU
HUNGER

[AND YOU FEEL THE NEED TO SPEAK, THOUGH YOUR VOICE IS
NO MORE THAN A HALF-HEARTED, WHISPERING CROAK...

I'VE SPENT MORE THAN **HALF**
MY LIFE, SHANG-CHI...

...PURSUING A
VENGEANCE I
NEVER REALLY
WANTED...
LIVING A DE-
STRUCTIVE **LIE**...



...WASTING HALF
MY LIFE TO
LEARN A
SINGLE LESSON...



...AND NOW IT'S GOING TO
END... BEFORE I'VE EVEN
BEGUN TO ATONE FOR IT.

I, TOO, HAVE SPENT
MUCH OF MY LIFE--
NEARLY **ALL** OF IT, IRON
FIST-- FOLLOWING A
PATH OF **EVIL**-- WITHOUT
REALIZING IT--



--WHEN I SOUGHT
TO BE NOTHING MORE
THAN A **SON**... WHO
HONORED HIS **FATHER**.

WE HAVE
SHARED
SIMILAR
LIVES.
IT SEEMS...



... AND NOW, WE SHALL SHARE
A **SIMILAR DEATH**.

HOW LONG
HAVE WE BEEN
DOWN HERE...
DO YOU THINK?

SO LONG THAT IT IS
BETTER **NOT** TO
THINK ABOUT IT...



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I BELIEVE YOU
ARE SUFFICIENTLY
WEAKENED
NOW...

GUAN-S'YARI!
WE'VE ALREADY
FIGURED AS
MUCH...

...ALREADY REALIZED THAT
IT HAD TO BE YOU BEHIND
ALL THIS.

SO WHAT'S THE
TRUE REASON
FOR BRINGING
US HERE--?

--NOW THAT YOU'VE
SHOWN YOURSELF
TO BE A LIAR.

AH, BUT I DID NOT LIE, IRON
FIST. AN ARMY IS BEING
GATHERED HERE IN SAHRA-
SHARN...

"...AN ARMY WHICH SHALL ACHIEVE THE
TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF K'UN-LUN..."



"...AN ARMY WHICH SHALL STORM THE
GOLDEN WALLS OF K'UN-LUN, AND
COVER THEM IN DARK DEATH AND EVIL..."

...AND I AM
SUPERVISING
THE GATHERING
OF THAT ARMY



FURTHERMORE,
I SHALL BE THE
LEADER OF
THAT ARMY.

YOU STILL
HAVEN'T SAID...



...WHY YOU
BROUGHT US
HERE...

"TO KILL YOU
IRON FIST--TO
PREVENT YOU
FROM INTER-
FERING WITH
MY CONQUEST."

AS FOR YOUR
FRIEND, HOW-
EVER, HE WAS
BROUGHT HERE
UPON HIS OWN
INSISTENCE.
HE WISHED TO
SHARE YOUR
HEROISM--SO
NOW HE MUST
SHARE YOUR
FATE...



--A HIDEOUSLY
DISGUSTING FATE,
I'M PLEASED
TO SAY.



"JOINING
HIM IN THE
DOORWAY--
CYBELLE!"

NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE
ME, SINCE I'M QUITE
CONVINCED THAT YOU
ARE BOTH TOO WEAK TO
OFFER RESISTANCE...



...AND SINCE
I HAVE MUCH
TO DISCUSS
WITH
MY FUTURE
QUEEN...

...CYBELLE AND I
SHALL TAKE OUR
LEAVE OF YOU...



...FOREVER.

"DISGUSTING FATE," HUH? THAT DOES IT-- WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE, GOT TO TRY IT AGAIN!



YOU HAVE TRIED IT A DOZEN TIMES ALREADY, IRON FIST.

I KNOW... BUT I'VE GOT TO TRY AGAIN, SHANG-CHI...



...GOT TO SUMMON MY STRENGTH... CONCENTRATE... SUMMON THE POWER OF THE--

--IRON FIST!

SHHAKOW



YOUR COMETING FIST DRIVES FORWARD, UNEDDING FLAME, SLAMMING INTO THE DUNGEON WALL WITH GREATER FORCE THAN ANY OF YOUR PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS, IMPOSSIBLY DRAWING UPON STRENGTH WHICH NO LONGER EXISTS.

AND YET, AS BEFORE--



NOTHING.

NOT EVEN A DENT.

DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS, SHANG-CHI, MAYBE THE WALL IS ENCHANTED...



MAYBE THIS WHOLE DARK FORTRESS IS WRAPPED IN SOME EVIL SPELL.



SURE FEELS LIKE IT-- MY SKIN HASN'T STOPPED CRAWLING SINCE WE WERE DUMPED HERE...

HARD TO BELIEVE CYBILLIE IS PART OF IT.

"YES...THOUGH THERE WAS SOMETHING IN HER EYES...

GUESS WE'RE STUCK HERE FOR...



WHAT THE--?

OUR ROUTE OF ESCAPE, IRON FIST.

"AND AS WE FOLLOW IT, THERE COME SOUNDS FROM BELOW...



"...THE GRATING OF STONE PORTALS..."



"...FOLLOWED BY SHUFFLING, HISSING, AND STRANGE SNARLS..."

...AND, TOO, EVEN WORSE SOUNDS...

"...SOUNDS SURELY MADE BY THE DISAPPOINTED AGENTS OF QUANSTAR'S 'DISGUSTING FATE'..."



THE ROPE IS ANCHORED TO A TREE. WE DROP UPON REACHING IT.

WONDER WHO OUR SAVVY IS SHANG-CHI?



I AM, CYBELLE-?!

HER EYES DID NOT LIE.

YOU MUST BE HUNGRY.



YOU ARE-- EXTREMELY SO.

AND HER WORDS, TOO--

--IMPART UNDER-
STATED TRUTH.



EXCUSE OUR MANNERS, CYBELLE. BUT TELL ME-- WHY DID YOU SAVE US, IF YOU'RE TO BE QUAN-STAR'S FUTURE QUEEN?

THAT WAS MERELY AN ACT.

YOU SEE, I AM REALLY A SPY.



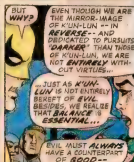
...THE LEADER, IN FACT, OF AN UNDERGROUND NETWORK OF SAHRA-SHARNERS DEDICATED TO STOPPING QUAN-STAR AND HIS ARMY.

YOU MEAN THERE ARE OTHERS LIKE YOU?



THERE ARE MANY OF US, SHANG-CHI-- WE ARE BUT A FEW.

AND WE APOLOGIZE FOR OUR ATTACK ON YOU IN YOUR DIMENSION. IT WAS NECESSARY TO GAIN QUAN-STAR'S CONFIDENCE.



BUT WHY?

EVEN THOUGH WE ARE THE MIRROR-IMAGE OF K'UN-LUN -- IN REVERSE-- AND DEDICATED TO PURSUITS "DARKER" THAN THOSE OF K'UN-LUN, WE ARE NOT ENTIRELY WITHOUT VIRTUES...

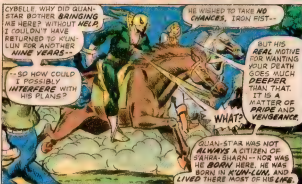
...JUST AS K'UN-LUN IS NOT ENTIRELY BEHEFT OF EVIL BESIDES, WE REALIZE THAT BALANCE IS ESSENTIAL...

EVIL MUST ALWAYS HAVE A COUNTERPART OF GOOD--



--IF EVIL IS TO MAINTAIN ITS EXISTENCE.

BUT COME-- THERE IS MUCH TO DO THIS NIGHT...



CYBELLE, WHY DID QUAN-STAR BOTHER BRINGING ME HERE? WITHOUT HELP, I COULDN'T HAVE RETURNED TO K'UN-LUN FOR ANOTHER NINE YEARS--

--SO HOW COULD I POSSIBLY INTERFERE WITH HIS PLANS?

HE WISHED TO TAKE NO CHANCES, IRON FIST--

BUT HIS REAL MOTIVE FOR WANTING YOUR DEATH GOES MUCH DEEPER THAN THAT. IT IS A MATTER OF PRIDE AND VENGEANCE.

WHAT?

QUAN-STAR WAS NOT ALWAYS A CITIZEN OF SAHRA-SHARN-- NOR WAS HE BORN HERE. HE WAS BORN IN K'UN-LUN, AND LIVED THERE MOST OF HIS LIFE.

"INDEED, QUAN-ST'AR WAS HIGHLY FAVORED BY YU-TI, THE AUGUST PERSONAGE IN JADE..."



"...AND OFTEN STOOD BY HIS SIDE, SUCH AS THE TIME THEY WERE ENTERTAINED BY AN EXHIBITION OF SKILL, STAGED BY THE DRAGON RIDERS OF K'UN-LUN."

IT WAS A DARK DAY FOR QUAN-ST'AR...



"HIS LAST DAY WITHIN THE GOLDEN CITY OF K'UN-LUN..."

"...FOR ONE OF THE DRAGONS WENT BERSERK-- AND ATTACKED THE AUGUST PERSONAGE."



"WITH LOYALTY AND COURAGE, QUAN-ST'AR LEAPED FORTH TO DEFEND THE EXALTED YU-TI."

IT WAS A LONG AND VICIOUS BATTLE. QUAN-ST'AR NEARLY LOST HIS LIFE THREE TIMES TO THE DRAGON.



BUT FINALLY, HE SLEW THE BEAST-- AND WHEN HE HAD TAKEN OUT ITS HEART--

"...HE PRESENTED IT TO THE AUGUST PERSONAGE, WHOSE LIFE HE HAD JUST SAVED, AS A TOKEN OF HIS LOYALTY."



"HE WOULD SOON BE SHOCKED BEYOND BELIEF--"

"...FOR, INSTEAD OF RECEIVING GRATITUDE FROM YU-TI, HE WAS CHASTISED AND REVILED-- AND BANISHED FOREVER FROM K'UN-LUN."



"HE PROTESTED, INSISTING THAT HE HAD SAVED YU-TI'S LIFE..."

-- BUT YU-TI SAID THAT FACT WAS IRRELEVANT."



ALL THAT MATTERED, HE SAID, WAS THAT A SACRED DRAGON HAD BEEN SLAIN-- AND THAT QUAN-ST'AR HAD SLAIN IT. AND FOR THAT UNFORGIVABLE CRIME, QUAN-ST'AR MUST BE BANISHED.

"YU-TI THEN PLACED THE DRAGON'S HEART IN A SACRED CAVE, AND BY MAKING THE HEART MOLTEN, HE RESTORED LIFE TO THE DRAGON."



"...AND CHARGED THE DRAGON WITH THE DUTY OF GUARDING ITS OWN HEART--"



-- WHICH IT DID... UNTIL YOU, IRON FIST, CHALLENGED AND DEFEATED THE DRAGON, THEREBY GAINING YOUR POWER OF THE IRON FIST."

"BANISHED FROM THE CITY OF HIS BIRTH, QUAN-ST'AR WAS FORCED TO DWELL IN SAHRA-SHARN-- THIS PLACE WHICH IS THE OPPOSITE OF K'UN-LUN..."



"BEING A MAGICIAN, HE WORKED SIMPLE SPELLS TO IMPRESS THE CITIZENS OF SAHRA-SHARN... AND GATHER FOLLOWERS FROM AMONG THEM."

...FOR HE FELT HE WAS A VICTIM OF INJUSTICE, AND WAS A MAN OBSESSED. HENCE, HIS HATRED FOR K'UN-LUN AND HIS VOW TO SOMEDAY RETURN TO THE CITY--

--AS ITS CONQUEROR.

BUT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT--



--HE IS CONSUMED WITH A PERSONAL HATRED FOR YU-TI, AND LUSTS FOR VENGEANCE. HE WISHES TO HURT YU-TI IN THE WORST WAY POSSIBLE.



SO YOU SEE, QUAN-ST'AR PLANS TO CRUSH K'UN-LUN-- TO RIDE INTO THE CITY AS ITS CONQUEROR-- AND SINCE YOU ARE YU-TI'S NEPHEW, IRON FIST, TO THROW YOUR SKULL AT YU-TI'S FEET.



"SHE LEADS US IN A CIRCUITOUS ROUTE THROUGH THE DARK CITY STREETS--

"--UNTIL WE ARRIVE AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE FORTRESS FROM WHOSE DUNGEON SHE HAS RESCUED US.



CYBELLE, IT SEEMS QUAN-ST'AR IS EVEN MORE CHARMING THAN WE'D IMAGINED...

MY SKULL, HUM?

WELL, WHAT'S NEXT?



WE MUST STRIKE TONIGHT-- NOW-- WHILE THERE IS STILL A LAST CHANCE.

ALL AROUND US, MY FOLLOWERS ARE HIDING AMONGST THE STREET URGHINS AND DRUNKS-- WAITING TO RISE UP.

THERE ARE ENOUGH OF THEM TO DEFEAT QUAN-ST'AR'S ARMY-- BUT WE CAN NEVER HOPE TO DEFEAT QUAN-ST'AR HIMSELF... UNLESS HIS GLOBE OF ETERNITY IS DESTROYED.



GLOBE OF... ETERNITY?

YES, SHANG-CHI-- THE SOURCE FROM WHICH HE DERIVES HIS SORCERER'S POWERS.



UP THERE IN THE TOWER

IF YOU CAN DESTROY THE GLOBE, AND DEFEAT HIM--



-- MY FOLLOWERS WILL DO THE REST.

WE SHALL TRY, CYBELLE.

GOOD. NOW GET OUT OF SIGHT WHILE I --



--GAIN US ENTRANCE.



LADY CYBELLE!
THE LORD QUAN-
ST'AR HAS BEEN
LOOKING FOR YOU.



COME--

...ONWARD...



YOUR HOSPITALITY IS
APPRECIATED,
KEEPER.

WE SHALL ACCEPT
YOUR INVITATION...



FORWARD,
MEN OF
SHADOWS
AND
DARK-
NESS!

THE
FORTRESS IS
OURS!!



YOU
HEARD
THE
WENCH
CYBELLE!

LET'S GUT THE SLIMY WORMS!!



YOU WINCE AT THE COARSENESS
OF THE WARRIOR'S BATTLECRY,
KNOWING THAT IT PORTENDS A
MOST VICIOUS CLASH...

TO THE
FRONT GATES--
QUICKLY!
THEY'RE
RISING UP--
A REVOLT!!



... AND FEARING THAT HIS
MANNER IS MERELY LESS
HYPOCRITICAL THAN
YOUR OWN...

...FOR YOU ARE IRON FIST, YOU
FEEL AN AFFINITY TO THE
GOLDEN CITY OF K'UN-LUN--
AND NO MATTER HOW BLOODY
THE BATTLE MAY BE--



--YOU KNOW IT IS NECESSARY, AND THAT YOU WILL
ENTER IT WITH AS MUCH ZEAL AS THOSE WHO SHOUT
THEIR BATTLE-CRIES THE LOUDEST.

CYBELLE IS LIKE A STORM
UNLEASHED, RAGING AT THE
CENTER OF THE VIOLENCE
WHICH NOW CONSUMES THIS
MAIN HALL OF THE FORTRESS--

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"--WHILE WE MOVE FOR THE TOWER."

TROUBLE, SHANG-CHI!



WELL, NOW THAT THEY'RE OUT OF THE WAY--

--THERE CAN'T BE MORE THAN A COUPLE THOUSAND OF THESE STAIRS BEFORE--



YES.

ANYONE EVER TELL YOU THAT YOU TALK TOO MUCH?



NO.

I DIDN'T THINK SO.



"WE REACH THE TOWER."

WHAT THE--?

HALT! IN THE NAME OF THE--

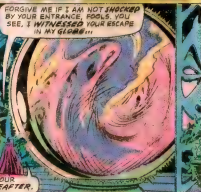


--OOOOOPH!!



"WITHIN THE TOWER CHAMBER... QUAN-STAR... STANDING BEFORE THE HUGE GLOBE OF ETERNITY--

"...HIS HANDS... IMMERSSED IN IT?"



FORGIVE ME IF I AM NOT SHOCKED BY YOUR ENTRANCE, FOOLS. YOU SEE, I WITNESSED YOUR ESCAPE IN MY GLOBE...

...AS WELL AS YOUR PROGRESS THEREAFTER.

BUT THE GLOBE OF ETERNITY IS MORE THAN A MERE EXTENSION OF MY SIGHT, FOOLS--



POWERS WHICH I HAVE JUST RENEWED-- POWERS WHICH SHALL BURN YOUR SOULS TO THE DEATH--!

IT IS ALSO THE SOURCE OF MY ARCAINE POWERS!

IRON FIST! YOU MUST--

I KNOW, I'M INVOKING THE IRON FIST NOW, SHANG-CHI--



--AND LORD HELP US IF IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO STOP HIS SORCERY-BOLTS!



YOU SLAM YOUR SEETHING FIST INTO THE BLISTERING DEATH WHICH STREAKS FOR YOUR HEART--



"I MUST LUNGE FOR PROTECTION--!"

-- AND THERE IS AN EXPLOSION OF SUPERNATURAL HEAT.



WHAT?! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!



YOU CAN'T STOP MY POWER!

"BUT HE MUST-- AT LEAST FOR A TIME.



WHY NOT, QUAN-ST'AR? ARE YOU AFRAID MY HANDS ARE FILLED WITH MORE POWER THAN YOURS?



BOAST ALL YOU WISH, IRON FIST-- BUT YOU CANNOT SHIELD YOURSELF FOREVER!!

"FOREVER IS A LONGER TIME THAN I WILL NEED!



SAYS YOU, BUSTER!



I CAN SHIELD MYSELF FROM YOUR FIREWORKS AS LONG AS YOU CARE TO TOSS 'EM-- BUT I'M TIRED OF FIGHTING THE DEFENSE!



"IRON FIST IS BOASTING NOW-- AS ALL THREE OF US WELL KNOW-- BUT IT IS A TACTIC WHICH GAINS ME THE TIME I NEED-- TIME TO REACH THE GLOBE.

I FEEL LIKE
SWITCHING TO
THE OFFENSE
NOW--

-- FOR A POWER-
PUNCH RIGHT TO
YOUR UGLY PUSS!!

YOU SPRING AT HIM, HOPING THE ACTION
WILL DISTRACT HIM-- PREVENT HIM FROM
HURLING ANOTHER BLAST
OF DEATH FULL IN YOUR
FACE.

"THE GLOBE-- FILLED WITH
THE SHIFTING, SWIRLING
IMAGES OF QUAN-STAR'S
EVIL POWER--

"...THEY SEEM TO LEER
AND GLOWER AT ME.

KIIYAAIEEE!!

SPRAKSH

"...I SHATTER THE GLOBE'S
TRANSPARENT SHELL--

"--AND AS THE
BOILING HEART
OF THE GLOBE
IS RELEASED--

"...I LEAP FROM THE PATH OF THE
SPILLING EVIL... AS IRON FIST
REACHES QUAN-STAR HIMSELF--!

YOU CHANNEL EVERY DUNCE OF YOUR RAW STRENGTH AND HURLING WEIGHT INTO THIS ONE FINAL PUNCH--

SH PLOW

HAIEEE!!

-- A PUNCH WHICH ROCKS THE SORCERER QUAN-STAR FROM HIS FEET AND SENDS HIM FLYING BACK --

-- TO BE DEVoured BY HIS OWN WICKED SORCERY.

YAHHH

"IT IS DONE. HE IS NOW WITH THE ESSENCE OF HIS OWN EVIL."

"THERE IS AN INSTANT OF BLINDING GLARE..."



"... TERRIBLE SOUNDS WITHOUT NOISE..."

"AND THEN, BOTH THE MAN AND THE ESSENCE..."



"...VANISH."

"YOU SAY NOTHING..."

"I FEEL A NEED FOR SILENCE..."

"... AS CYBELLE AND HER WARRIORS APPEAR IN THE DOORWAY."



"WELL, FRIENDS..."

"... WE WON."

"HOURS PASS IN REST AND RELIEF... BEFORE CYBELLE SUMMONS US TO HER NEW THRONE ROOM..."

AGAIN, YOU HAVE OUR GRATITUDE FOR YOUR AID IN THE PRESERVATION OF BALANCE BETWEEN LIGHT AND DARKNESS...

...BUT ARE YOU CERTAIN YOU DO NOT WISH TO REMAIN HERE IN SAHRA-SHARN?

THE CITY OF K'UN-LUN, YOU KNOW, DOES NOT HAVE AN EXCLUSIVE CLAIM ON THE BENEFITS OF IMMORTALITY. WHAT SAY YOU--?

YOUR OFFER, CYBELLE, IS RECEIVED AS THE GENEROSITY WHICH IS ITS INTENT-- BUT AGAIN, I MUST DECLINE.

AND I'LL HAVE TO STICK TO MY DITTO, CYBELLE-- FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS.

VERY WELL--MOST OF YOU MORTALS ARE FOOLISH WHEN IT COMES TO IMMORTALITY...

...INSISTING ON THE RIGHT TO DIE WHEN YOUR TIME COMES. BUT SINCE YOUR DECISION IS FINAL, I WILL HAVE MY NEW COURT SORCERER--

--RETURN YOU TO THE DIMENSION FROM WHENCE YOU CAME.

JUST LIKE THAT, HUH--?

YEP.

GUESS I SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO QUESTION IT, SHANG-CHI--

--AFTER OUR EXPERIENCES WITH GUAN-STAR.

YES.

"LONDON: THE HANDS
OF THE NEARBY CLOCK
KNOWN AS BIG BEN...
HAVE MOVED NOT
AT ALL.



WELL, SHANG-CHI, I
THINK IT'D BE SAFE TO
SAY THAT THEY JUST
DON'T MAKE NIGHTS
ANY WEIRDER THAN
THIS ONE'S BEEN.

...WHICH REMINDS ME-- IN THE MIST OF
CYBELLE'S BARRAGE OF GRATITUDE, I'VE
NEGLECTED TO THANK YOU FOR HELPING
ME-- EVEN THOUGH WE NEVER EVEN CAME
CLOSE TO FINDING COLLEEN.

BUT SINCE YOU DON'T KNOW LONDON ANY
BETTER THAN I DO-- AND SINCE YOU'VE
ALREADY DONE MORE TO HELP ME THAN
ANYONE COULD BE EXPECTED TO DO--



--PERHAPS
WE SHOULD
PART WAYS
NOW.

I AM STILL
WILLING TO AID
YOU IN YOUR
SEARCH,
IRON FIST.



I KNOW YOU ARE, SHANG-
CHI-- AND I'M GRATEFUL--
BUT I'VE DONE A LOT OF
THINKING ON THE MATTER,
MOSTLY WHILE WE WERE IN
THAT DUNGEON...

...AND SOMEHOW I FEEL
I'VE GOT AN OBLIGATION
TO COLLEEN-- OR AT
LEAST A DESIRE-- TO
FIND HER ON MY OWN.



I THINK I...

...UNDERSTAND.



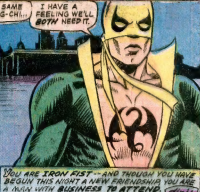
FAREWELL, IRON
FIST-- AND-- GOOD
LUCK.

YEAH-- THE SAME
TO YOU, SHANG-CHI...

I HAVE A
FEELING WE'LL
BOTH NEED IT.



"WE PART COMPANY NOW, TO FOLLOW
OUR SEPARATE-- BUT SOMEHOW VERY
SIMILAR-- PATHS... EACH OF US TAKING
WITH HIM THE WARMTH OF NEW
FRIENDSHIP."



YOU ARE IRON FIST-- AND THOUGH YOU HAVE
BEGUN THIS NIGHT A NEW FRIENDSHIP YOU ARE
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